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TO AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

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SUBJECT: LOURENCO MARQUES AND U.S. CHROME ORE SUPPLY

REFERENCE: (A) LOURENCO MARQUES 431; (B) JOHANNESBURG 556

1. REPRESENTATIVES OF U.S. CHROME IMPORTING COMPANIES  
CONTINUE TO INQUIRE ABOUT STATUS OF CHROME ORE SHIPPING  
BACKLOG AT LOURENCO MARQUES AND OF EFFORTS TO IMPROVE  
FLOW OF CHROME ORE FROM SOUTH AFRICA TO PORT. IN ORDER TO  
ASSIST US IN RESPONDING WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY UPDATED  
INFORMATION ON PRESENT AVERAGE LENGTH OF WAIT FOR ORE  
SHIPS, NUMBER OF SHIPS CURRENTLY IN LINE, LEVEL OF AID BY  
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SOUTH AFRICAN RAILWAY, BOTH PROJECTED AND ACTUALLY RE-

CEIVED, TO MOZAMBICAN PORTS AND RAILWAYS (CFM), FORECASTS ON WHEN BACKLOG WILL HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED, AND RESULTS OF EFFORTS TO BUILD UP ORE STOCKPILES AT LOURENCO MARQUES ORE WHARF.

2. ANY COMMENTS OR PROJECTIONS ON EFFECTS OF UPCOMING MOZAMBICAN INDEPENDENCE ON PORT OPERATIONS WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED.

3. PLEASE COMMENT ON ACCURACY OF ITEM IN "FINANCIAL MAIL", DTD. MAY 9, WHICH NOTED DAILY RAIL TRAFFIC BETWEEN KOMATI-POORT AND LOURENCO MARQUES REACHED POST-COUP RECORD ON MAY 1 OF 27,278 TONS "MOSTLY CHROME, COAL AND BULK PRODUCTS," COMPARED TO 5,000 TONS PER DAY DURING PREVIOUS MONTH. INGERSOLL

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